

WI-23
Crawford-Collier House
Quantico
Private

c. 1780, c. 1815

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The improvements recorded by the federal assessors also included a range of commercial buildings indicating the Crawford operated a tannery on the site. The tannery complex was described as:

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During Henry Crawford's tenure on the "Chelsea" land he financed construction of the two-story brick addition, estimated to date around 1810-15. In October 1819 Henry Crawford sold to John J. Davis his Quantico Mills property, transferred for \$2,000. Between 1819 and 1840 the Crawford house along with three acres was bought and sold eight times and never held by one owner for more than five years. On November 6, 1840, the property was acquired by John F. Collier, in whose family the property remained until 1929. Listed in the 1850 U. S. Census as a carriagemaker, John F. Collier was grouped with his wife, Maranda W. Collier (1818-1869) and a large family with six young children. Since the Depression the Crawford-Collier house has been held by over a half-dozen different owners.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: CRAWFORD-COLLIER HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WI-23

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
RURAL AGRARIAN INTENSIFICATION
1680-1815
- 4) Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. WI-23

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic CRAWFORD-COLLIER HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number West side of Main Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Quantico ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robin Waters

street & number P. O. Box 73 telephone no.:

city, town Quantico state and zip code MD 21856

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1296

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 384

city, town Salisbury state MD 21803

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date Maryland Historical Trust ☐ federal ☒ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records 1972

city, town Crownsville state MD 21032

7. Description

Survey No. WI-23

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Crawford-Collier house is located on the west side of Main Street in the center of Quantico, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, two-part brick house faces south with gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built in two principal stages, the two-story, four-bay hall/parlor main block is an early nineteenth century (c. 1815) addition to a late eighteenth century (c. 1780-90) story-and-a-half brick house that originally followed a room-behind-room plan. Most of the house is covered with a coat of stucco that has been scored to imitate ashlar construction. Flemish bond brick walls are exposed on the west end of each section. The steeply pitched roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the west gable end of the eighteenth century section is a single-story wood shingled frame addition dating to the turn of the twentieth century.

The south side of the late eighteenth century section is a two-bay elevation marked by nine-over-six sash windows that light the first floor. A bulkhead entrance allows access to the cellar, which is entered through a segmental arched opening. The basement level of the house is defined by a watertable that has been covered with stucco. The watertable is interrupted between the two windows indicating the probable location of a former door. At the east end of the eighteenth century section the watertable extends beyond the apparent end of the earlier section, indicating that the west wall of the c. 1815 addition was built atop the east wall of the story-and-a-half house. Since the west gable ends of both sections were left unstuccoed, it is evident there is a clear size difference between the bricks in the two parts of the house. The older section was built with larger, less uniform bricks indicating its earlier date.

The south wall of the early nineteenth century addition is an uneven four-bay elevation with an off-center entrance and flanking single-pane sash windows. A small gabled porch shelters the six-panel door entrance. The second floor is lighted by a series of unevenly spaced windows, and it is clear a center window has been moved to the left of its original location. The base to the roof is finished with a boxed cornice trimmed with bed and crown moldings.

The east gable end of the house is a symmetrical facade with pairs of single-pane sash windows flanking an interior end brick chimney stack. The attic is lighted by a pair of sash windows as well. The top of the stack has been rebuilt with a corbelled cap that follows closely the profile of the west end chimney. The gable end eaves to the roof have been extended.

The north side of the two-story, early nineteenth century section is an uneven four-bay elevation as well with the entrance located off-center in the third bay from the east corner of the house. A gable roofed porch shelters this entrance.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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This structure falls in Category A, which signifies that it must be retained, since it is a structure of historic significance and/or exhibits many good architectural features representative of a period of architectural development and contributing uniquely and superlatively to the character and collective value of the structures within the district.

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Description continued

The interior of the house retains much of its original woodwork, especially in the c. 1815 two-story main block. The first floor is divided into two rooms with the stair located in the northwest corner of the hall. The dog-leg stair rises in its original position, however the staircase has been reworked, probably around 1940. Large square newel and landing posts and slender rectangular balusters support a Civil War era molded handrail. The hall is fitted with flat-panel wainscoting. Thumb molded backband surrounds frame the doorways which have six-panel Federal doors.

The parlor or living room is dominated by a chimney stack that rises in the center of the east wall. A Federal mantel with fine reeded frieze blocks and a molded surround frames the firebox. A small off-center cupboard with a flat-panel door is located in the chimney breast above the mantel. The windows have been reworked with plain surrounds.

The second floor of the main block is divided into three bedrooms. Federal mantels and six-panel doors remain in two rooms. Access to the attic is gained through a movable panel in the ceiling of the hall closet. The unfinished attic is divided into two rooms with an off-center vertical board wall fastened to a collar beam with double-struck nails. A vertical board door is hung on long wooden hinges that swing on wooden pintles; and both features are fastened with double-struck nails.

The interior of the earlier section has been modified at various times. Originally designed with a room-behind-room plan, the first floor has been consolidated into one room with a large fireplace framed by an early nineteenth century Federal mantel. The evidence in the cellar, however, indicates that there were two fireplaces originally with a corner hearth in the south room. The interior of the second floor bedroom has been reworked with little historic woodwork extant.

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Chain of title

1296/384 Michael G. Waters
 Robin I. Waters

to

6/8/1992 Robin I. Waters

MSB 1189/837 Ellen Johnson Davis

to

8/22/1987 Michael G. Waters
 Robin I. Waters

AJS 1060/146 Clinton A. Kirwan
 Iris P. Horne

to

3/12/1986 Ellen Johnson Davis

AJS 997/450 William P. Payne
 Lorraine K. Payne

to

9/15/1983 Clinton K. Kirwan
 \$30,000.00

AJS 975/744 Susan B. Porter, attorney for Henry
 A. Briele and Russell C. Dashiell, Jr.

to

7/12/1982 William P. Payne
 Lorraine K. Payne
 \$ 27,600.00

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AJS 932/239

Helen M. Gordy

to

11/14/1979

Henry A. Briele

JWTS 308/179

Lydia Grier Phillips
H. Lay Phillips

to

10/28/1948

Helen M. Gordy
Herman F. Gordy

JWTS 269/311

William T. Byrd
Minnie E. Byrd

to

3/22/1945

Lydia Grier Phillips
15 acres

IDT 158/387

Maude F. Phillips, et al. (Albert H.
Phillips, Daniel M. Collier, Harriet M.
Collier)

to

6/5/1929

William T. Byrd
15 acres

SPT 2/349

John F. Collier

to

3/6/1877

Mary Ella Collier
\$2,000.00 (and that upon the death of

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Mary Ella Collier, intestate, the property descended unto Maude Collier Phillips and Daniel M. Collier as her only children with courtesy rights to her surviving husband, Velarius F. Collier)

15 acres....where the said John F. Collier am now living containing fifteen acres of land more or less the same being situated on the south side of the Main Street running through the Town of Quantico and comprising all the property I the said John F. Collier own on the south side of said street except the house and lot adjoining now rented to John W. Turpin & where the said John W. Turpin is now living...

Somerset Co. Land Record
LH 417

Benjamin J. Dashiell

to

11/6/1840

John F. Collier
\$2,000.00

Somerset Co. Land Record
GH 8/285

Samuel T. Moore and wife,
Ann M. Moore

to

1/26/1836

Benjamin J. Dashiell
\$ 650.00 "Chelsia" 1 acre
west side of county road that leads
through the village of Quantico

Somerset Co. Land Record
GH 7/284

William H. Acworth
Ellen Acworth

to

2/21/1834

Samuel T. Moore
\$1,000.00 "Chelsea" 3 acres

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Somerset Co. Land Rec.
GH 6/489

John J. Davis
Mary Davis

to

10/2/1832

William H. Acworth
\$800 3 acres "Chelsea"

Somerset County
Land Record
GH 4/131

Benjamin J. Dashiell and wife

to

11/3/1827

John J. Davis
\$12,000 "Chelsea" 3 acres

Somerset County
Land Record
GH 1/184

William Roach

to

12/30/1822

Benjamin J. Dashiell
\$2,175.00 part of Chelsea in the village
of Quantico 3 acres

Somerset County
Land Record
JD 7/120

John J. Davis

to

10/17/1821

William Roach
\$2,000. part of Chelsea 3 acres

Somerset County
Land Record
JD 5/157

Henry Crawford

to

10/7/1819

John J. Davis
\$ 2,000. part of Chelsea 3 acres
part of Bowerhill 26 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres

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Somerset Co.
Land Record
T/606

Edward Austin

to

3/19/1811

Henry Crawford

\$700.00 Bowerhill

Beginning at a marked post standing on the west side of the county road leading from Gailes (sic) Mills on the head of Quantico creek to Edward Austin's mills on the head of Rewastico Creek

Somerset County
Land Record

Matthew Kemp
Rebecca Kemp

to

1/24/1798

Henry Crawford

£22.10 Chelsey 3 acres

west side of the main road leading from Henry Gailes mill on Quantico Branch to William Winder's mill on Rewastico Branch

1798 Federal Direct Tax Assessment

Rewastico Hundred

Henry Crawford

Slave Assessment- 1

Dwelling Houses-"Situate near Quantico Mills 1 brick dwelling house 1 story 22 by 18 ft with a cellar, 1 sawed log cook house, 1 story 14 by 12 feet; 1 stable of logs, 1 story 16 by 14 ft; 1 sawed log meat house, 1 story 12 by 11 ft."

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Somerset County Land
Record
Bond

Samuel King
Mary King

I/538

to

11/16/1782

Matthew Kemp
£500.0.0
two tracts- "Chelsea"
"Monmouth"

Crawford-Collier house, Quantico

owner - Helen Gordy

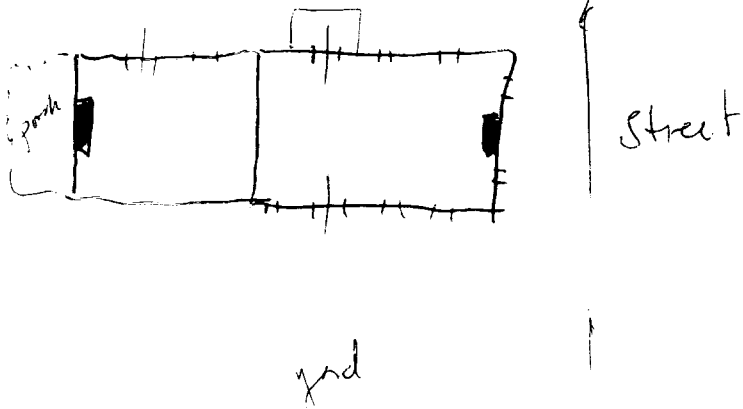
The Crawford-Collier House is a 2 story, 3 bay long, brick house with a 1 1/2 story wing. The entire structure is covered with a coat of stucco. ~~It~~ ^{It} lies perpendicular ^{to the} street ~~the~~. The windows have 1/2 sash and some have louvered shutters. A tall chimney is constructed within both gables of the 2-story part and one on the outside wall of the kitchen wing. There are 2 windows on the street gable on each story and attic. ~~The~~ An overhanging eaves indicates later remodeling. Beyond the wing is an enclosed lean-to porch of 20th Century date. ~~There is a south entrance door~~. The south entrance door is covered by a small ~~entrance~~ portico.

The house appears to be of ~~the~~ late 18th or early 19th Century date, though closer examination is needed to determine ~~the~~ the definite period.

MOB 3/2/71

Helew Gordy

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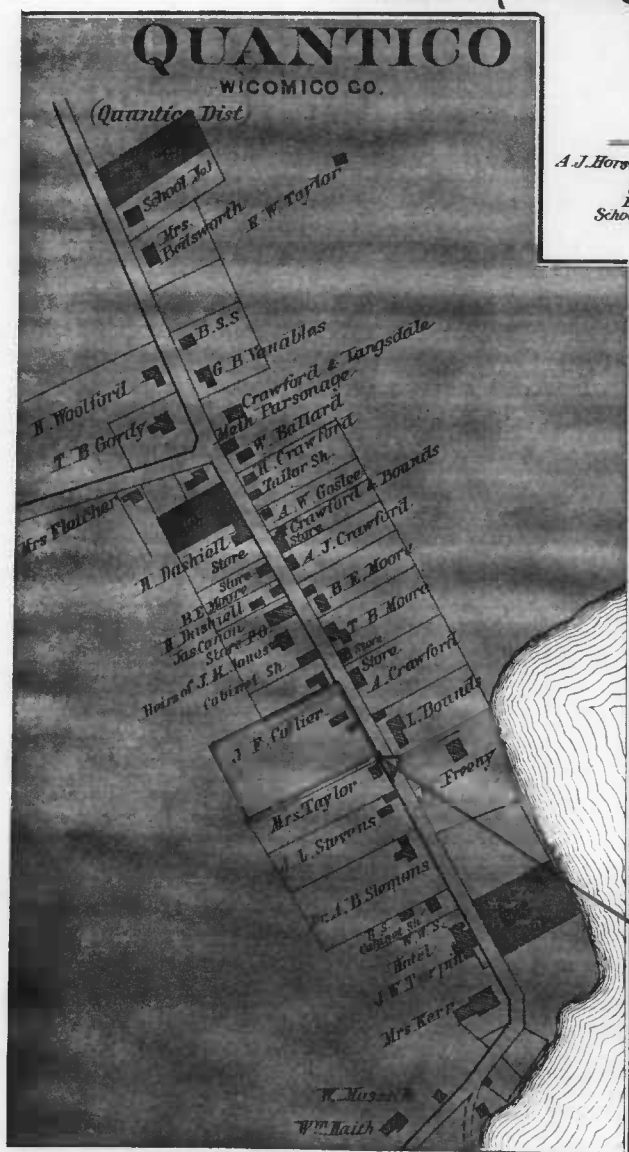


2 story - stucco over Brick
4 bays long & 2 deep (1 row)

+ 1/2 story wing + enclosed porch

1/1 ssk -

Summer 1920
WMS



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CRAWFORD-COLLIER HOUSE
1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson
Atlas



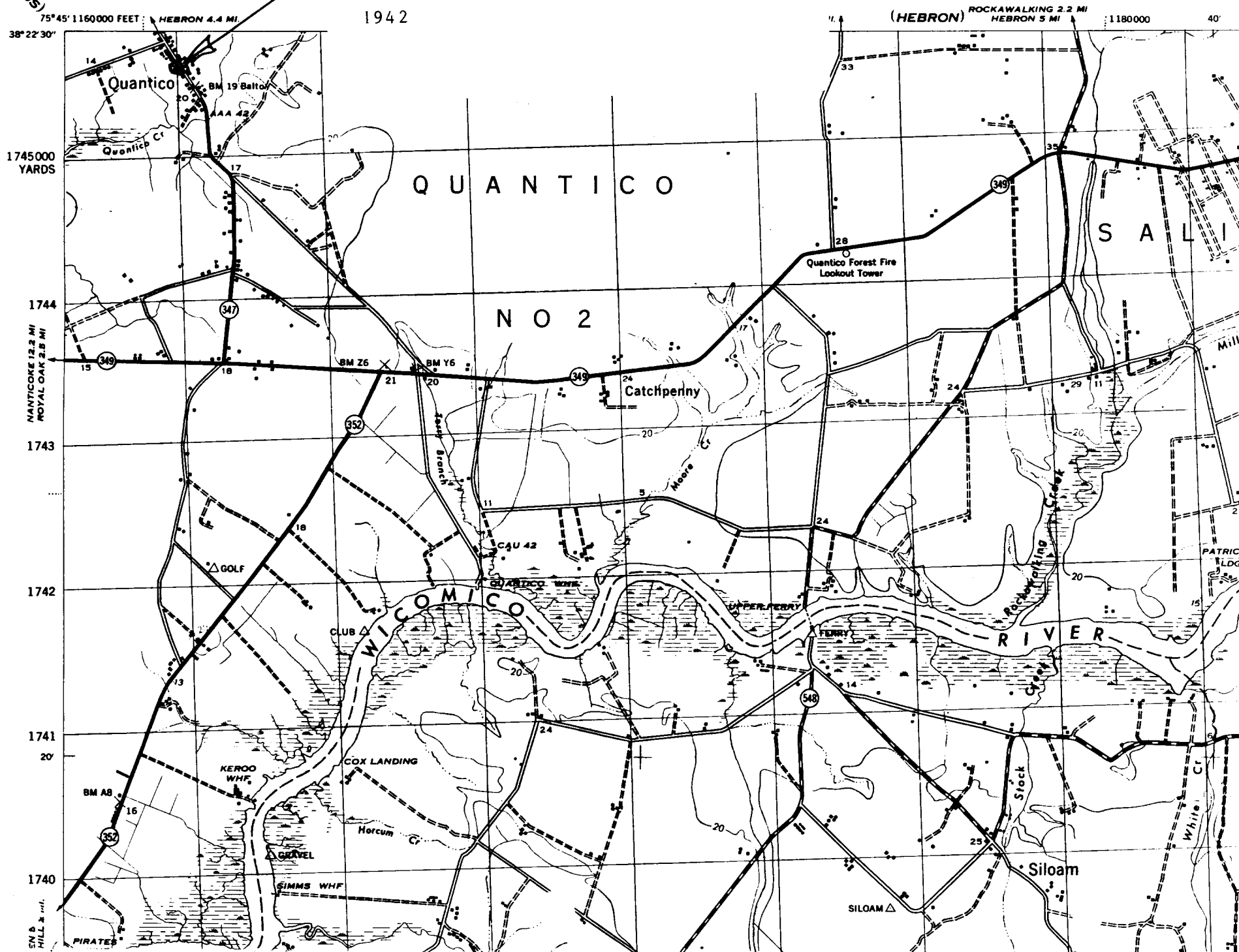
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MARYLAND
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CRAWFORD-COLLIER HOUSE
Eden, Maryland Quadrangle

1942

WAR DEPARTMENT
ENGINEERS, U. S. ARMY









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CRANFORD - COCKER HOUSE
QUINCY CO, MISSOURI Co. MO.

SOUTH ELEVATION

9/93, PAUL TONART
PHOTOGRAPH

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